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SUBJ: SOUTH MOLUCCAN TERRORISTS

REF: A) THE HAGUE 2563; B) DJEREJIAN/VAN HUEVEN TELCONS MAY 23

1. SUMMARY: AFTER THE INITIAL SHOCK CAUSED BY THE TAKING OF  
THE SCHOOL AND THE TRAIN HIJACKING BY SOUTH MOLUCCAN TERRORISTS,  
DUTCH ARE SETTLING DOWN WITH GRIM PATIENCE TO TACKLE THE  
SITUATION. END SUMMARY

2. GON HAS ACTIVATED ITS CRISIS MACHINERY. IN THE HAGUE,  
PRIMIN DEN UYL, INTERIOR MINISTER DE GAAY FORTMAN,  
JUSTICE MINISTER VAN AGT AND FONMIN VAN DER STOEL  
CONSTITUTE THE GROUP IN CHARGE. A LOCAL CRISIS CENTER HAS  
BEEN SET UP AT ASSEN, STAFFED BY CIVILIAN AND POLICE  
AUTHORITIES. BOTH TRAIN AND THE SCHOOL HAVE BEEN ISLOATED  
FROM THE PUBLIC AND ARE KEPT UNDER CONSTANT WATCH.

3. ACCORDING TO EARLY MORNING REPORTS, HIJACKERS IN TRAIN  
HAVE NOW COMMUNICATED DEMANDS, WHICH INSOFAR AS THEY HAVE BEEN  
MADE PUBLIC, INCLUDE RELEASE OF HIJACKERS JAILED AFTER 1975  
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ATTEMPTS AND PLANE TO FLY ALL OUT OF COUNTRY. TERRORISTS HAVE  
SET TIME LIMIT OF 2:00 PM LOCAL MAY 25.

4. BOTH GOVERNMENT AND THE PUBLIC, ESPECIALLY SHOCKED THAT  
THIS TIME VIOLENCE INVOLVES OVER 100 CHILDREN, ARE GRIMLY  
SETTLING DOWN FOR WHAT MAY PROVE TO BE ANOTHER LENGTHY SIEGE.  
DUTCH PRACTICE IN THE PAST HAS BEEN TO HANDLE SITUATIONS SUCH

AS THIS FIRMLY BUT WITH GREAT CAUTION. AUTHORITIES ARE ESPECIALLY ANXIOUS NOT TO PROVOKE TERRORISTS INTO THOUGHTLESS ACTS OF VIOLENCE AND PREFER A TACTIC OF ATTRITION. AS IN EARLIER CASES, THE TWO GOVERNING PRINCIPLES WILL BE TO SAVE LIVES AND NOT TO MAKE ANY CONCESSIONS.

5. THOUGH ELECTION CAMPAIGN HAS FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES COME TO A HALT, ELECTIONS WILL GO FORWARD AS SCHEDULED MAY 25. THERE HAS BEEN SOME SPECULATION THAT AROUSED LAW AND ORDER SENTIMENTS MAY TEND TO FAVOR THE VVD AND MAY HELP THE WHITE SUPREMIST NVU (THE HAGUE 2619) GET A SEAT IN PARLIAMENT. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER TERRORISTS ACTIONS WILL MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE. AS HEAD OF CRISIS OPERATION, CDA LEADER VAN AGT IS GETTING A LOT OF PUBLICITY AND HE HAS PROJECTED IMAGE OF DETERMINATION TO SEE THIS DIFFICULT PROBLEM THROUGH. NOT TO BE OUTDONE, SOCIALIST LEADER DEN UYL HAS ALSO APPEARED ON TELEVISION WITH MOVING EXPRESSION OF HOPE FOR OUTCOME AND PLEA TO DUTCH NOT TO TURN HARSHLY AGAINST SOUTH MOLUCCAN COMMUNITY. THIS ATTITUDE IS IN FACT WIDELY HELD AND MAY BE EXPLAINED AS RESIDUE OF GUILT FEELINGS FOR HAVING CAUSED MOLUCCANS TO COME TO NETHERLANDS IN THE FIRST PLACE. CDA POLITICIANS EMPHASIZED THIS POINT TO EMBOFFS AGAIN YESTERDAY.

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